

HO-1045

Walker-Anderson House

840 Ridge Road

Private

DESCRIPTION:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Walker-Anderson House sits on part of two parcels, totaling 35 acres, which cover parts of Howard, Frederick, and Montgomery counties. They were purchased in 1907 and 1914 by Laura Walker, wife of William Walker, who is described in 1920 as a general farmer and in 1930 as a fruit farmer. The Walkers were living in the Woodville District of Frederick County when both censuses were taken. In 1930 they were both 62. What is not clear is whether this house was built as a tenant house for laborers on their farm, as a home for one of their children, or as a retirement house for themselves. The house they built is a Dutch Colonial, a popular and common style of suburban house in the 1920s and '30s. These houses are not often built in brick, so the added cost suggests that it was built for themselves or their family. The use of one open room across the front is not common in this period in any house type, but can be found in some foursquares; its use in a Dutch Colonial is very unusual. William Walker sold the property to his son, Dwight, in 1945, which might suggest that it had been built for him years earlier. It has been vacant and vandalized for some time, and the current owner intends to tear it down in 2011.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Walker-Anderson House

other

2. Location

street and number 840 Ridge Road _____ not for publication

city, town Mt. Airy X vicinity

county	Howard
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3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Mt. Airy Full Gospel Church
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street and number	13949 Penn Shop Road	telephone
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city, town	Mt. Airy	state	MD	zip code	21771
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Howard County Courthouse	liber	1354 folio	443
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city, town	Ellicott City	tax map 6	tax parcel 251	tax ID number
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

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DESCRIPTION:

The Walker-Anderson House is located at 840 Ridge Road, on the northwest side of the road, about 1 mile southwest of Mt. Airy in northwestern Howard County, Maryland. The house sits on a flat site and faces southeast toward the road. There are two garages next to the house.

House, exterior

The house is a 1 1/2-story, three-bay by two-bay Dutch Colonial with a red pressed-brick foundation, yellow brick walls, and a fake gambrel roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. The brick is pressed, with both vermiculation pressed into it and vertical straight lines scratched into it. The brick just above the foundation is laid in a basket weave pattern. There are one-bay-square, one-story wings on the northeast and southwest ends.

The southeast elevation of the main block has a center entrance on the first story with a six-panel door, fanlight, and sidelights with four lights over one panel. There is a gable-roofed porch that is missing its supporting columns and has pilasters against the wall. The semi-circular arched soffit has bead boards. The cornice on the house continues on the porch with returns on the front of the porch and a raking cornice. The arch breaks into the tympanum. There is a new one-over-one sash to each side of the door, with brick sills and straight brick jack arches. On the second story of the main block, the center bay has a hollow diamond pattern laid in brown brick, with paired six-over-one sash to each side. The fake gambrel applied to the house creates a pent-roof appearance between the first and second stories. There is a wood box cornice on the second story. The southwest wing has paired six-over-one sash, a lower gable roof with a northeast-southwest ridge, and an exterior red brick chimney on the southwest gable

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end. The northeast wing was an open porch that was enclosed with aluminum siding and aluminum sash.

The northeast elevation of the northeast wing is enclosed just as on the southeast elevation. The gable end has very weathered weatherboards. The cornice wraps on all three sides, but the roof extends beyond the cornice on the northwest and southeast, with a new cornice covering the old one. The roof appears to have been added later, perhaps to cover an original flat roof. The north bay of the main block has a new one-over-one sash on the first story. The northeast wall of the main block, where covered by the enclosed porch, has a door in the east bay with one light that has been broken out and boarded over. At the north edge of the porch are two steps down to a doorway that is missing its door; this leads into a landing for steps down to the basement and up to the kitchen. The floor of the porch is quarry tile. The upper story has a six-over-one sash set north of center. The brick ends at the top of this window, with German siding above that contain a semi-circular arched window opening with pilasters and a keystone, and with the sash broken out.

The northwest elevation foundation has CMUs below the strip of red brick. The first story has a new one-light sash in the north bay and a ten-light casement sash in the west bay. There is a pent-roof between the first and second stories, as on the front. The second story has two new one-over-one sash. The northwest elevation of the southwest wing has paired six-over-one sash.

The southwest elevation of the southwest wing has an exterior chimney in a wire-cut brick, and it covers a brick jack arch, with seams on both sides of the chimney for what must have been a large opening. The roof and cornice match that of the northeast wing and must also be added. The southwest elevation of the main block has a new one-over-one sash in the west bay of both the first and second stories. There is a one-light sash just above the ridge of the southwest wing. The gambrel end is identical to the northeast end.

House, interior

The first story has one large room across the front of the main block, with the stairs at the northeast end of this room, two rooms to the rear of this room, and one in the southwest wing. There is 1 1/2-inch tongue-and-grooved oak flooring running northwest-southeast throughout the house. The walls are plaster, and some ceilings have drywall that appears to be a later alteration. The southeast room has baseboard with a wide, flat ogee and bead above a broken field. The architrave is plain and flat, with a plain narrow backband. There is a wide-arched opening on the northwest, set to the west, that leads to the west room. The doors are hung on butt hinges with ball finials. The stair has a dogleg and ascends to the northeast landing, then turns to the northwest. It has a plain open stringer, a square newel typical of the c. 1920s, square balusters, and a moulded handrail. There is a door on the stair landing that leads to the northeast porch. A narrow wood cornice has been added to the room.

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The west room has typical baseboard and architrave, and has a casement sash on the northwest elevation that is hinged at the top. The north room is a modern kitchen with a drop ceiling and thin plywood on the floor. The southwest wing has knotty pine paneling and a plain brick mantel with a raised brick hearth.

The second story has a passage that runs to the southwest, with two chambers on the southwest end, one on the southeast, and a bathroom on the northwest. There is typical flooring, baseboard, and architrave. The doors have one tall panel with a broken field. Each chamber has a built-in closet. The bathroom has white tile with black tile trim, a white hexagonal tile floor, an old bathtub, and a new sink and water closet. The south chamber southwest window was a doorway that has been in-filled at the bottom with shelves.

The rafters are 2 by 8 dimensional lumber with solid board sheathing.

Brick garage

There is a one-story garage located about 20 feet north of the house. It has a red brick foundation, yellow brick walls, and a low gable with a northwest-southeast ridge and inverted-v-seam metal. There is T1-11 siding added to the southeast. The large door on the southeast is gone. The northwest elevation has triple six-light sash. There was a door on the southwest, set to the west, but this opening has been in-filled with yellow brick and a six-light sash. The interior walls are CMUs.

Frame garage

There is a frame garage about 15 feet northeast of the brick garage. It has a CMU foundation, German siding with T1-11 on the southeast, and a low pitch gable roof with a northwest-southeast ridge and inverted-v-seam metal. There is a large roll-up door on the southeast and a one-over-one sash on the northwest. It is built with a balloon frame of dimensional 2 by 4 timber.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates C. 1920-40

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE:

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¹ U. S. Bureau of the Census, Woodville District, Frederick County, Maryland, 1920, 1930.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5 A
Acreage of historical setting 35 A
Quadrangle name Damascus

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 6, parcel 251, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	October 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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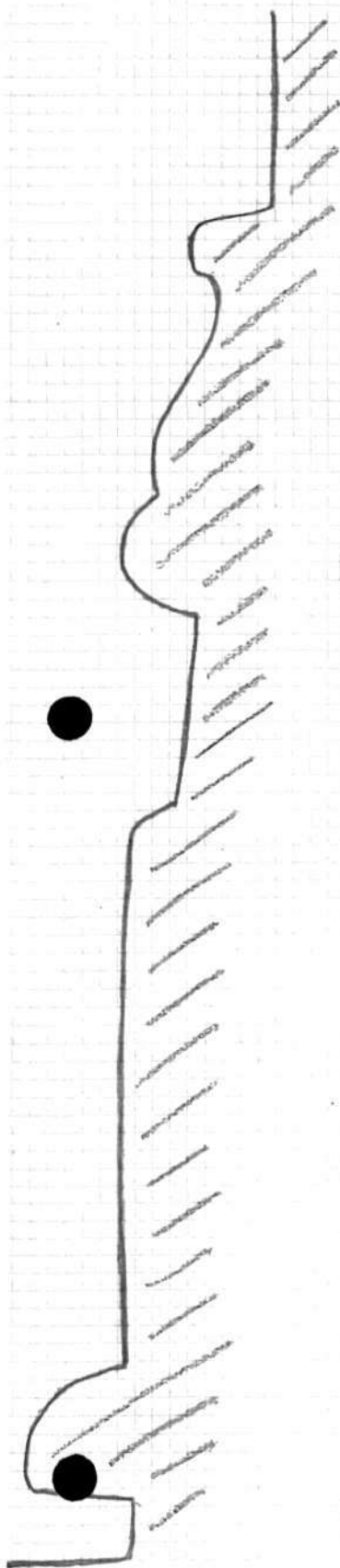
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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
James W. Anderson & J. WA, guardian of estate of Elizabeth Eleanor Fox Anderson / ?	Mt. Airy Full Gospel Church / MD	5 June 1985	CMP 1354-443	Deed – fee simple	\$10.00 \$115,000	6.49 A	Grantor's address is 846 Ridge Rd
Dwight T. & Ruth D. Walker (H/W) /	James W. & Elizabeth E. Anderson (H/W) /	17 Sept. 1968	CMP 496-186	Deed – fee simple	\$10.00	5 A	
Lucy W. Smith / Carroll	Dwight T. & Ruth D. Walker (H/W) / Howard	31 Jan. 1945	BM Jr. 188-20	Deed – fee simple	\$10.00	1) 10 Ac 2) 15 Ac	In Howard, Montgomery & Frederick counties
William A. Walker, widower et al / Fred. Co.	Lucy W. Smith	31 Jan. 1945	BM Jr. 188-18	Deed – fee simple	\$10.00	1) 10 Ac 2) 25 Ac - 9 Ac = 15 Ac	
Langdon S. & Maud O. Day (H/W) / Mont. Co.	Laura A. Walker wf of Wm. A. Walker / Fred.	24 Aug. 1907	<u>Fred. Co.</u> STH 284-248 =====	Deed – ?	\$500	10 Ac	Kempton Rd to Buffalo Rd
Lorenzo T. & Asceneth E. Day (H/W) / Fred. Co.	Laura A. Walker	5 Feb. 1914	<u>Fred. Co.</u> WWB 308-113 =====	Deed – ?	\$10.00	25 ¾ Ac - 114 sq. p.	p/o Hobb's Purchase to N. side of Kempton Rd
			WWLC 84-495				
			WWLC 980113				

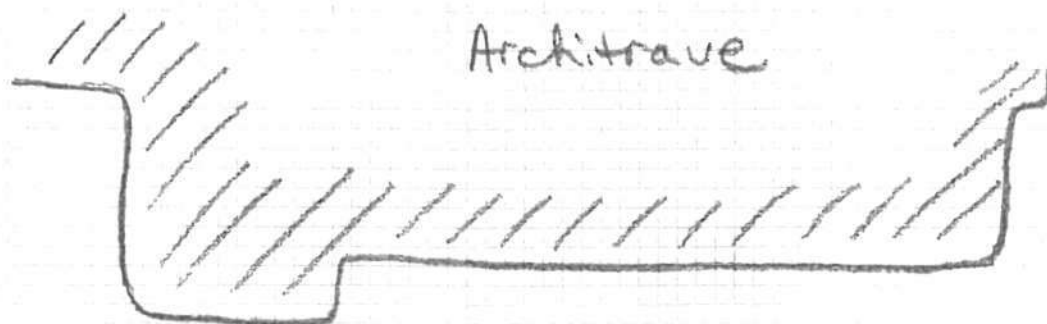
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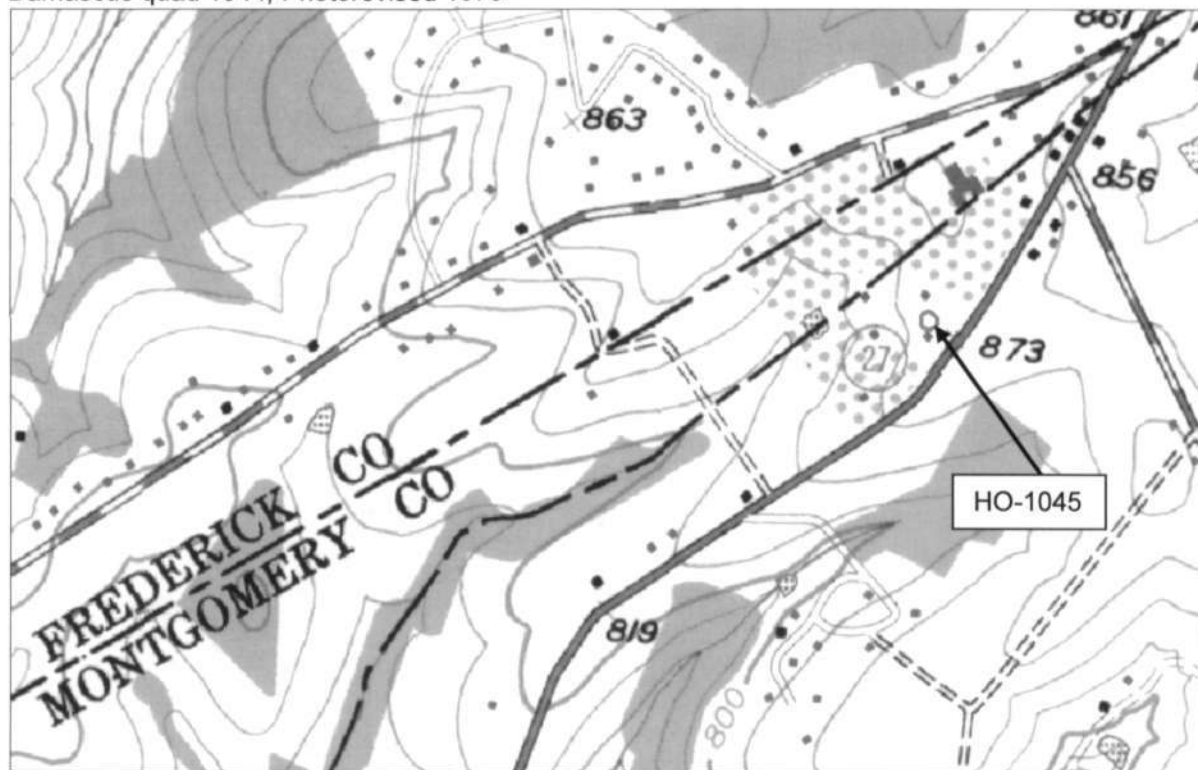
Baseboard



Architrave

A technical map showing a road network. A road labeled '27' is highlighted with a thick line and an arrow pointing towards it. Other roads are labeled '28' and 'PENN SHOP RD'. A building complex is labeled 'MAP 6' and 'P.10'. A large 'X' is drawn over the map.

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Walker-Anderson House
840 Ridge Road (MD 27), Mt. Airy
Damascus quad 1944, Photorevised 1979



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



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Walker-Anderson House
840 Ridge Road
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, southeast elevation

HO-1045_2011-06-10_02
House, northeast elevation

HO-1045_2011-06-10_03
House, northwest elevation

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House, southwest elevation

HO-1045_2011-06-10_05
House, interior, southeast room, vw.
northeast

HO-1045_2011-06-10_06
Garage, northwest & southwest elevations



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House, southeast elevation
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House, northeast elevation

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Walker-Anderson House

840 Ridge Road

Howard County, Maryland

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House, northwest elevation

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Walker-Anderson House

840 Ridge Road

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House, southwest elevation

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Walker-Anderson House

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House, interior, southeast room,

vw. northeast

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Walker-Anderson House

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Howard County, Maryland

Ken Short

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MD SHPO

Garage, northwest & southwest
elevations

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